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# Photo-realistic Renderings for Machines

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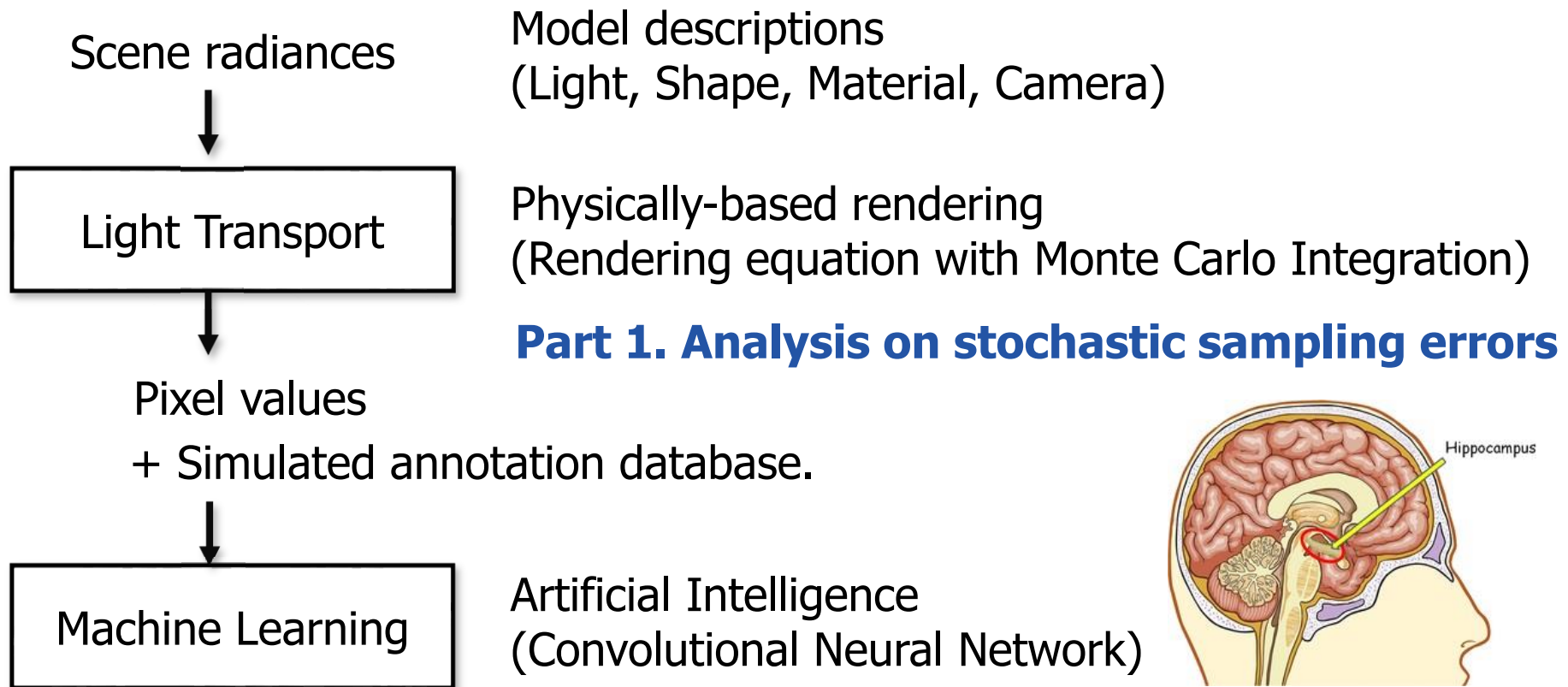
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# Photo-realistic Renderings for Machines



## Part 2. One application of this approach

Self-training?  
AlphaGo vs AlphaGo

# Presentation Papers

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## Part 1. Analysis on stochastic sampling errors

### **Fourier Analysis of Stochastic Sampling Strategies for Assessing Bias and Variance in Integration (SIGGRAPH 2013)**

**Kartic Subr, Jan Kautz**

- To study useful indicators for evaluating sampling patterns
- To analyze Gaussian jittered sampling

## Part 2. One application of this approach

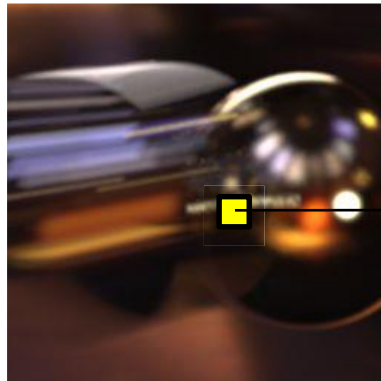
### **Render for CNN: Viewpoint Estimation in Images Using CNNs Trained with Rendered 3D Model Views (ICCV 2015)**

**Hao Su\*, Charles R. Qi\*, Yangyan Li, Leonidas J. Guibas**

- To find a good application of utilizing CG renderings
- To use PBRT results for learning camera viewpoints

# Fourier Analysis of Stochastic Sampling Strategies for Assessing Bias and Variance in Integration

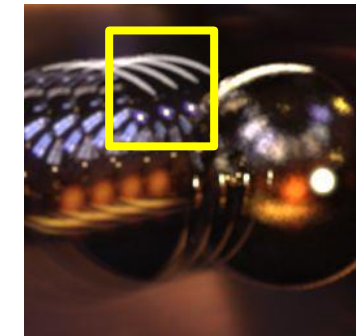
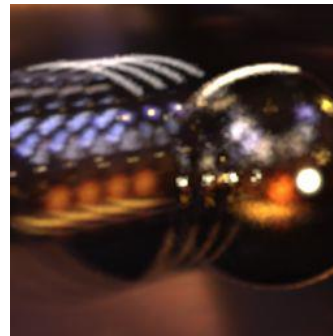
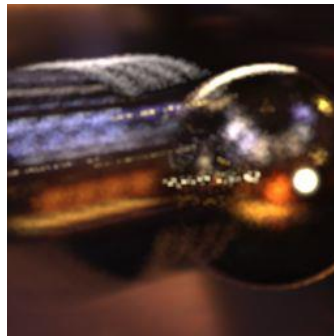
Shiny ball in motion



Pixel value =  $\iiint$  Rendering equation  $f(x)$

multi-dim. integral  $\rightarrow$  “sampled” integrand. But,

High variance



High bias

Analysis is non-trivial!

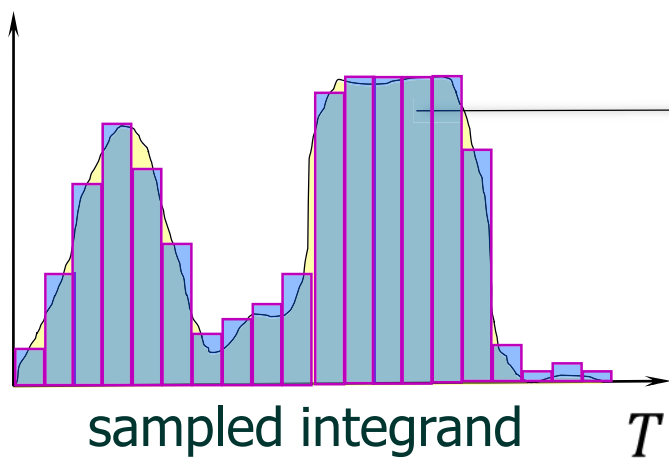
# Overview of this Paper

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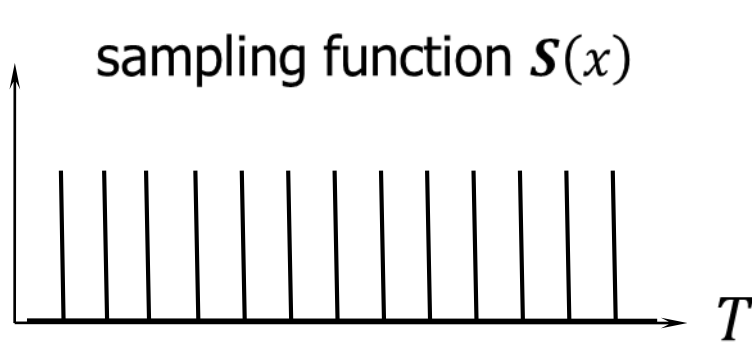
- **Stochastic sampling strategies involves random variables.**
  - Accuracy and precision of my estimations?
- **Spectral analysis reduces aliasing effects in estimators**
  - Direct insight for predicting into the first and second order statistics of the integrators. (theoretical contribution)
- **Let's apply it to analyse simple variants of jittered sampling.**
  - Experimental results to show trade-off relationships between random and regular sampling patterns.
  - Quantitative, qualitative comparisons with other strategies (PBRT).

# Monte Carlo Estimator



$$I = \int_0^T f(x) dx \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i f(\mathbf{X}_i)$$

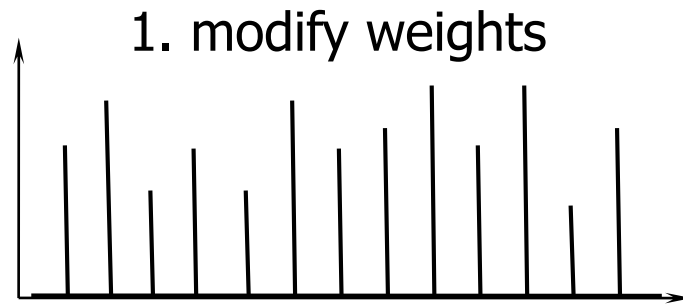
$\alpha_i$ : normalized weights



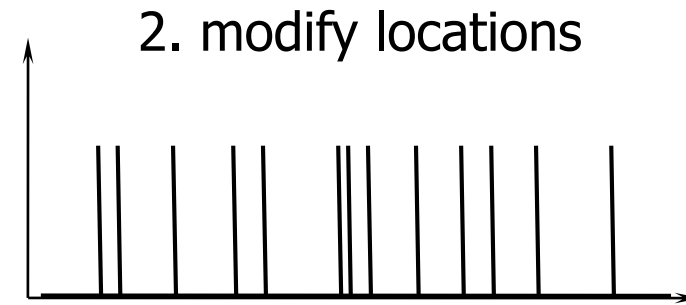
$$= \int_0^T f(x) \mathcal{S}(x) dx$$

$$\mathcal{S}(x) = \frac{1}{NT} \sum \alpha_i \delta(x - \mathbf{X}_i)$$

# Strategies to Improve Estimators



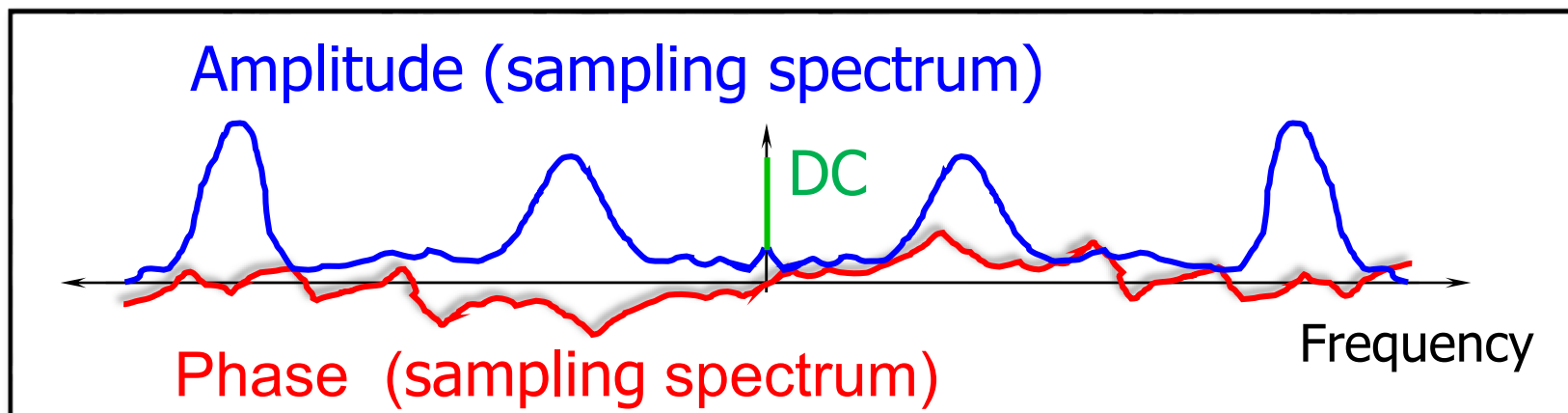
eg. quadrature rules



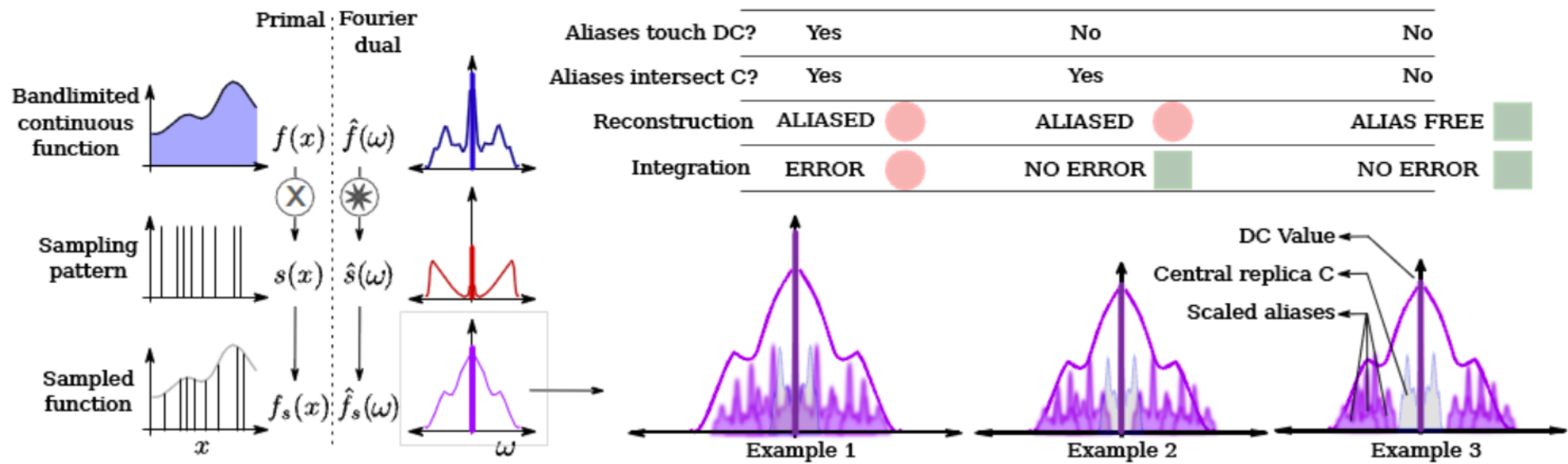
eg. importance sampling

$$\alpha_i \delta(x - X_i) \text{ where } X_i \sim g(x) \text{ PDF!!}$$

\* **Key idea**



# Assessing Estimators using Sampling Spectrum



## High-level Messages from Fourier domain

Example 1. Low frequency (gain) in sampling spectrum pollutes DC value  $\hat{f}_s(0)$ .

Example 2. In high freq., aliased copies need to get more samples (Nyquist rate).

Example 3. A shift (phase) in sampling pattern also changes the aliasing effects.



# Bias and variance of secondary MC estimators

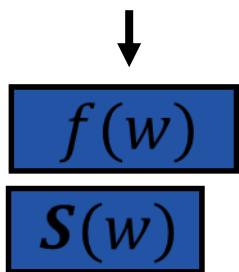
Error definition:  $\Delta \equiv I - \int_0^T f(x)S(x)dx$

Bias:  
(Expected error)  $E[\Delta] = \langle \Delta \rangle = \hat{f}(0) - \int \langle S(w) \rangle f(w) dw$

Variance:  $V(\Delta) = \int V(S(w)) (f(w))^2 dw$

Band-limited  
 $f(x), S(x)$

\*Point: Ideal sampling spectrum has no energy in sampling spectrum at frequencies where integrand has high energy



$$E[\Delta] \approx E[S(w)] (f(w)) \quad V(\Delta) \approx V(S(w)) (f(w))^2$$

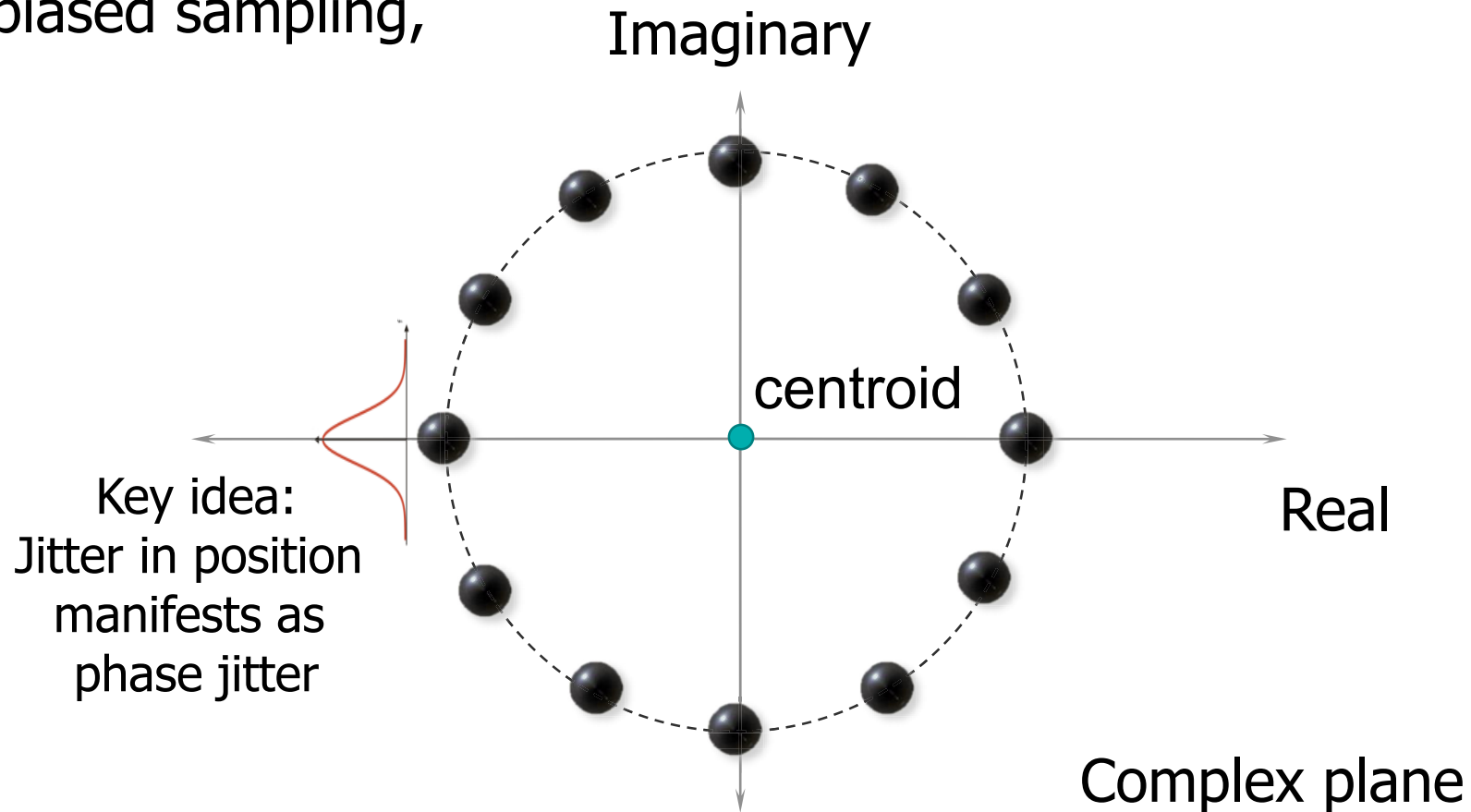
# Bias and variance of secondary MC estimators

- **Unbiased estimator:**  $\langle \hat{S}(\omega) \rangle = \delta(\omega)$
- **General sampling function:**  $S(x) = \alpha(\mathbf{X}_i) \delta(x - \mathbf{X}_i)$   
with  $\mathbf{X}_i \sim g(x)$ , where  $g(x) : [0, T] \mapsto \mathbb{R}^+$  (PDF)
- **Expected Fourier spectrum**

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{S}(\omega) \rangle &= \langle \alpha(\mathbf{X}_i) (\cos(2\pi\omega\mathbf{X}_i) + i \sin(2\pi\omega\mathbf{X}_i)) \rangle \\ &= \int \alpha(x) (\cos(2\pi\omega x) + i \sin(2\pi\omega x)) g(x) dx \end{aligned}$$
- **Weighting scheme (unbiased):**  $\alpha(x) = 1/g(x) \rightarrow$  PDF
- **Random sampling:**  $g(x) \rightarrow$  constant PDF

# Bias and variance of secondary MC estimators

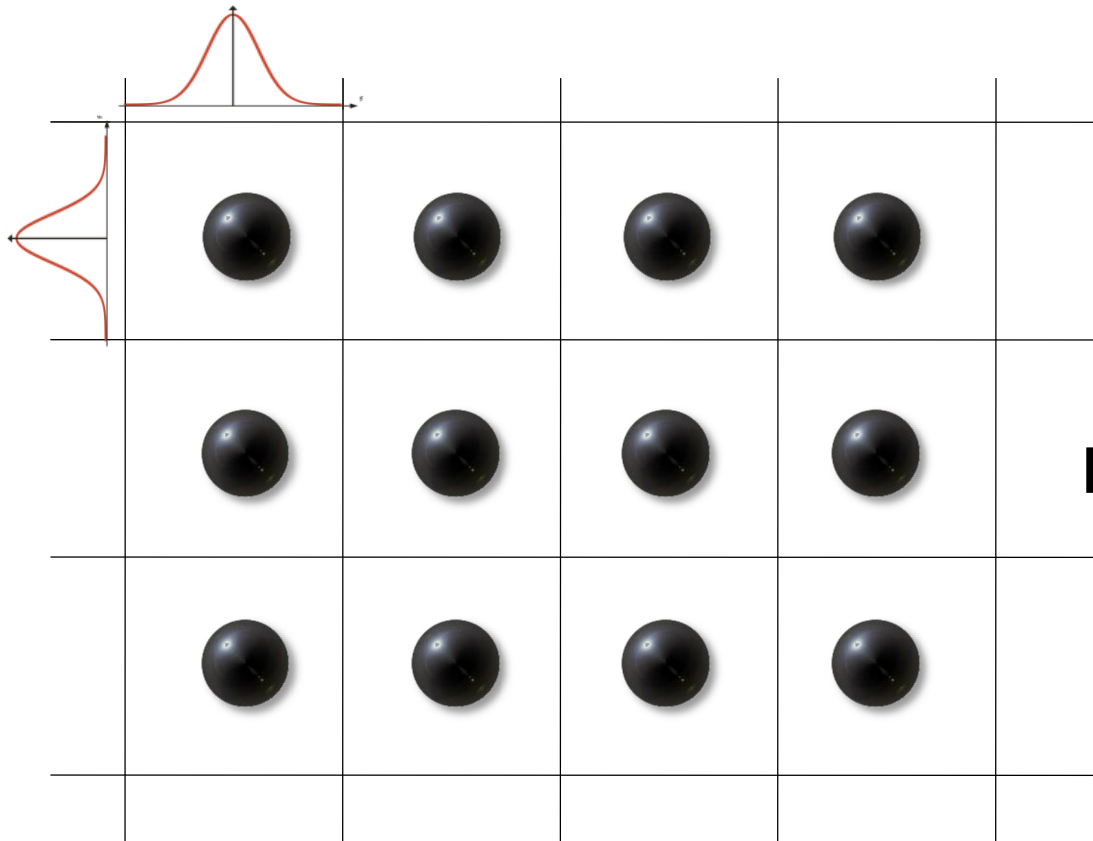
Unbiased sampling,



# Case study: Gaussian jittered sampling

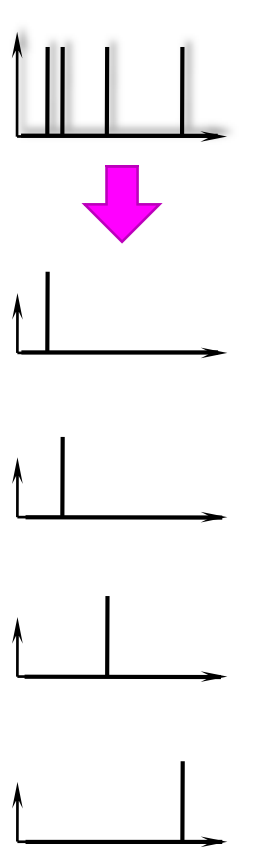
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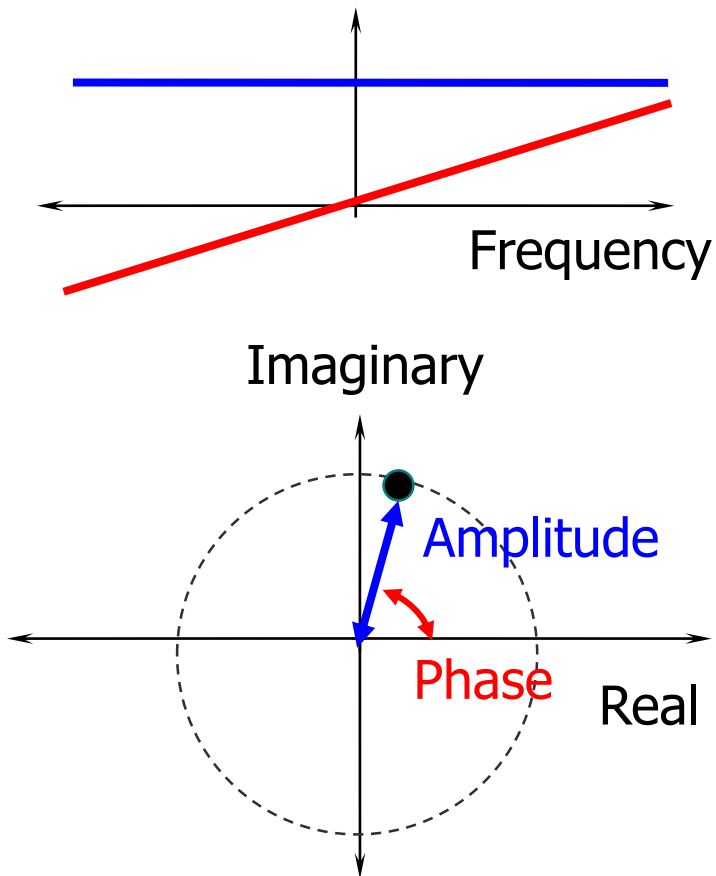


Overall, jitters affect expected centroid.  
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(More derivations in Appendix.)

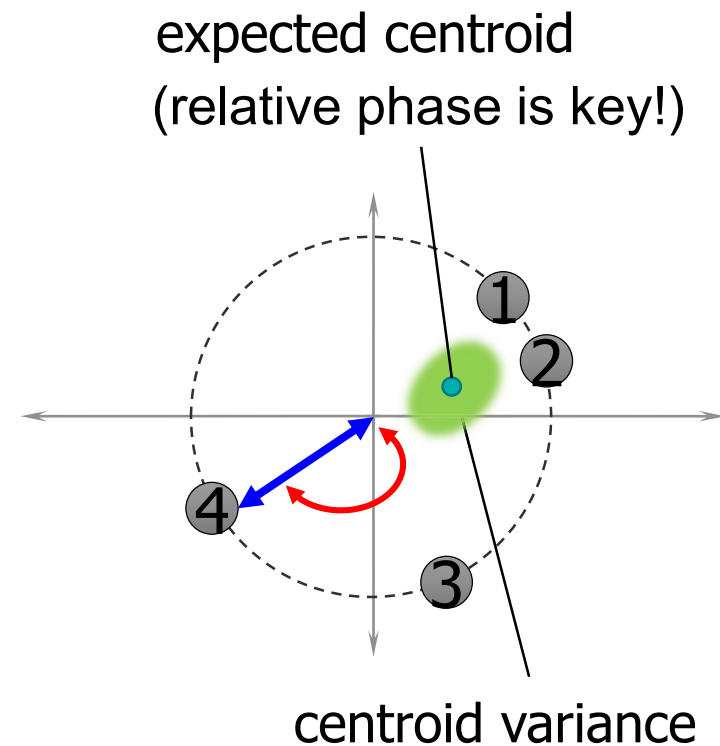
# Case study: Gaussian jittered sampling



Time



Fourier



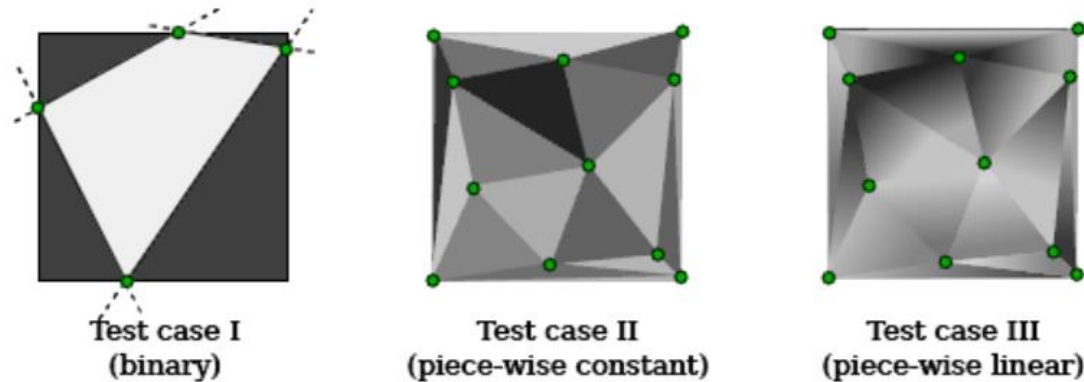
# Quantitative tests

- **Three types of synthetic datasets**

1) **Four random samples to form a white quad (binary planes)**

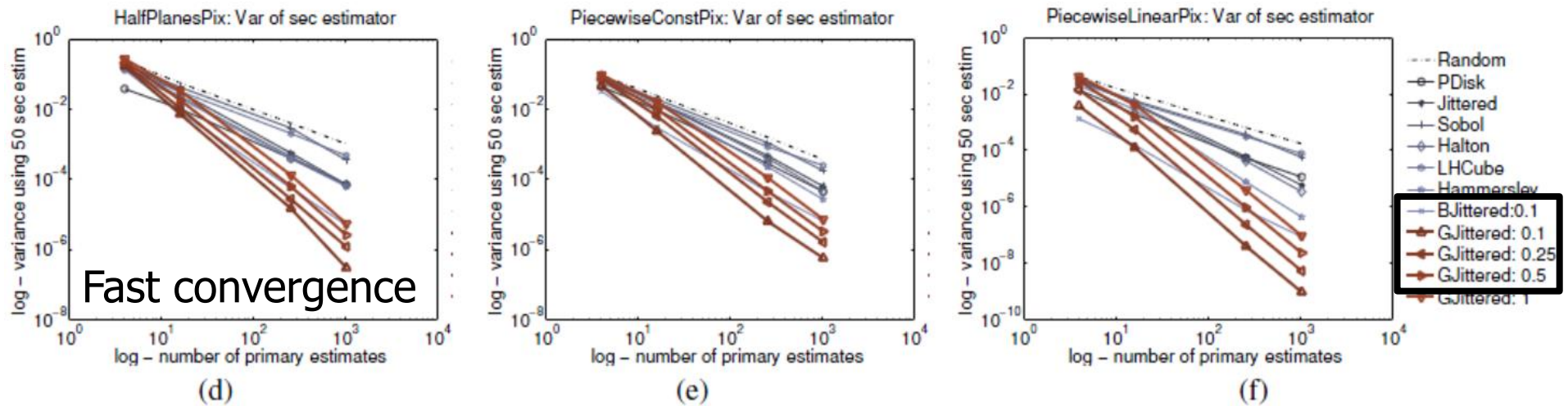
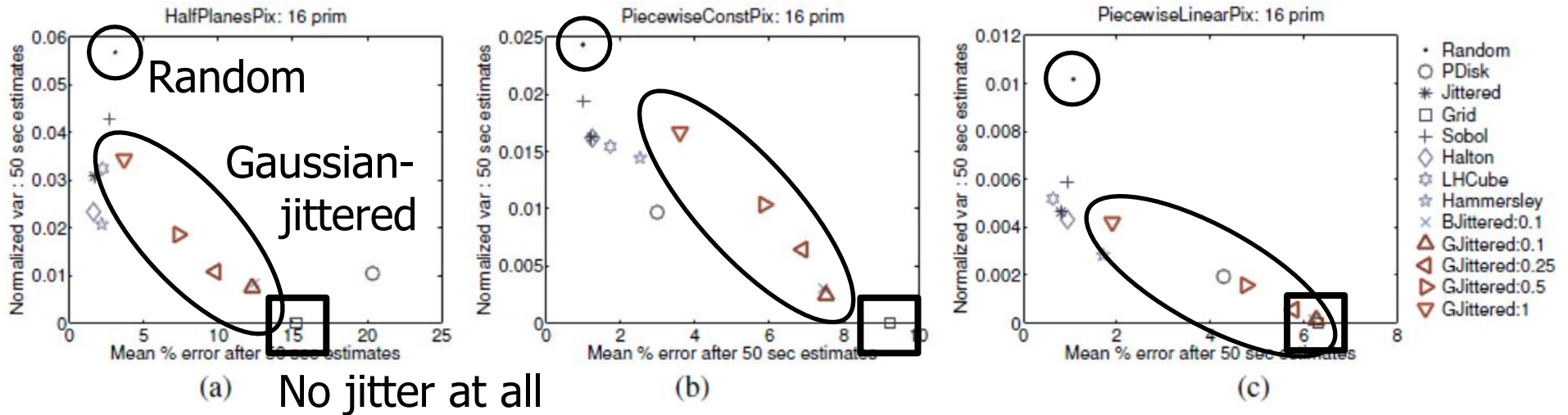
2) **Delaunay triangulation of random samples (mesh) with random weights**

3) **Similar to Case 2. with linearly interpolated weights**



- **Relative errors of mean, variance for methods in PBRT-v2 and other implem. (50 iterations of the secondary estimator with up to 1024 primary samples)**

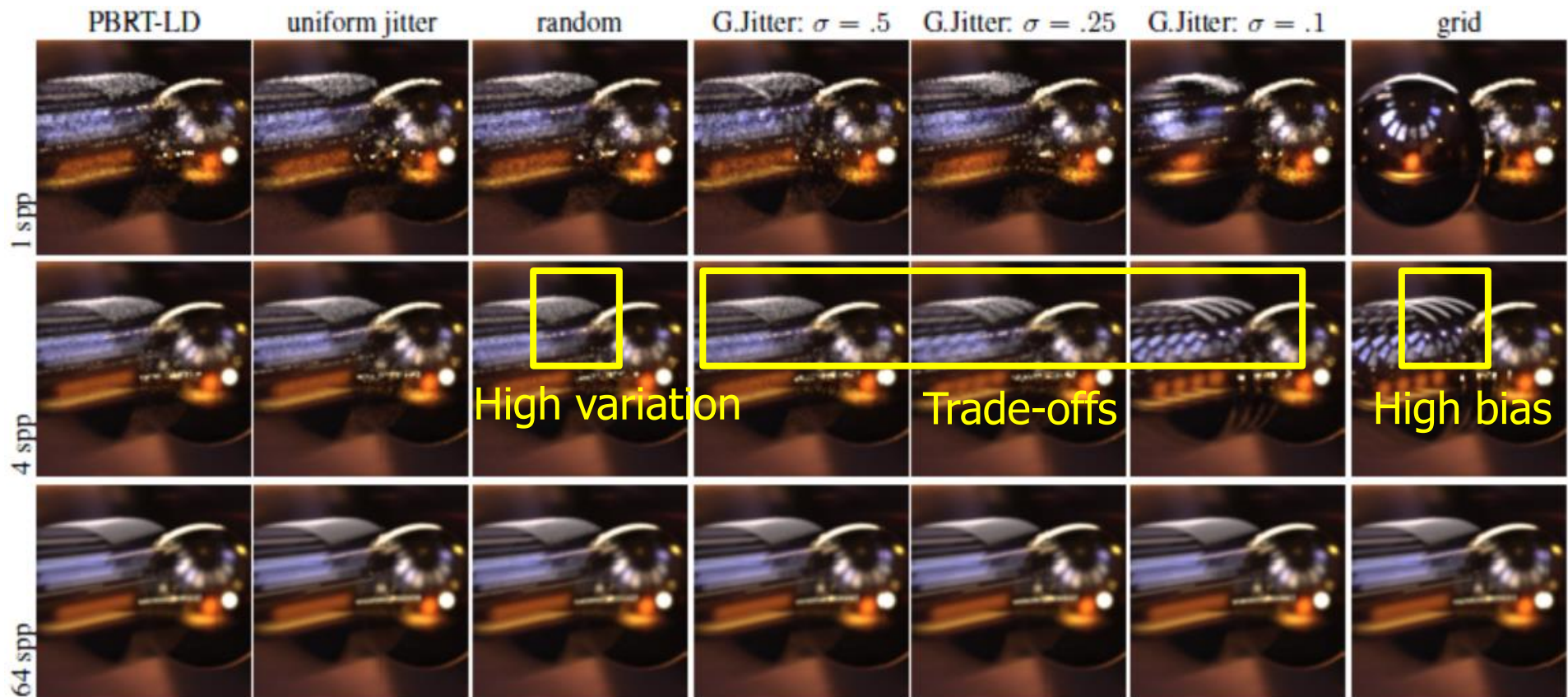
# Quantitative tests: Bias-variance trade-off using Gaussian jitter





# Qualitative tests

- Gaussian jitter allows trade-offs between 'random' and 'grid.'





# Conclusion

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- **A study of the spectral characteristics of stochastic sampling patterns**
- **Two measures for the quality of sampling strategies in terms of their accuracy and precision in integration**
  - **The amplitude of the expected sampling spectrum**
  - **The variance of the sampling spectrum**
- **Applied these measures to assess Gaussian jittered sampling and compared it with the box-jittered case.**
- **Performed quantitative and qualitative evaluations of various sampling methods in this new framework.**

# Appendix 1.

## Additional derivations

- **Gaussian jitter of stochastic samples: Expected spectrum**

$$\langle \hat{S}'(\omega) \rangle \approx_2 \frac{1 - 2(\pi\omega\sigma)^2}{N} \langle \hat{S}(\omega) \rangle$$

- **Gaussian jitter of fixed-location samples: Variance of spectrum**

$$V(\mathbf{b}_t) \approx_2 (2\pi\omega\sigma)^2 \left( \cos^2(2\pi\omega\mathbf{X}_t) + \frac{(2\pi\omega\sigma)^2 \sin^2(2\pi\omega\mathbf{X}_t)}{2} \right)$$

similarly, the variance of the real part of  $\langle \hat{S}'(\omega) \rangle$

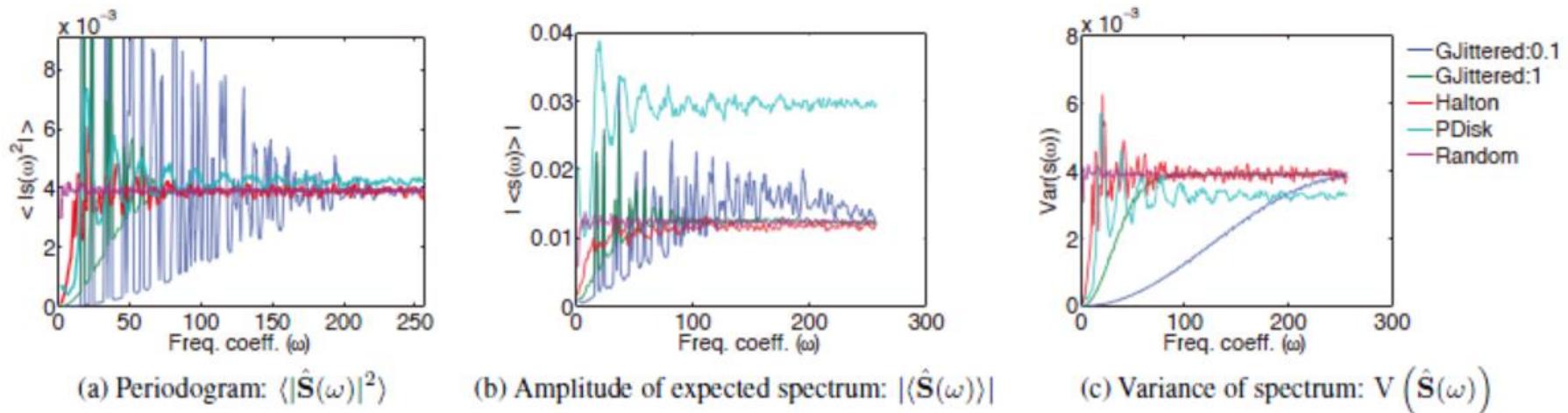
$$V(\mathbf{a}_t) \approx_2 (2\pi\omega\sigma)^2 \left( \sin^2(2\pi\omega\mathbf{X}_t) + \frac{(2\pi\omega\sigma)^2 \cos^2(2\pi\omega\mathbf{X}_t)}{2} \right)$$

- **Spectrum for uniform jitter (1D):**

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \lim_{\omega \rightarrow k/T} \hat{S}(\omega) \rangle &= \langle e^{-i2\pi k\epsilon} \rangle \lim_{\omega \rightarrow k/T} \delta(\omega - k/T) \\ &= \begin{cases} \delta(\omega) & \text{if } k = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

# Bias and variance of secondary MC estimators

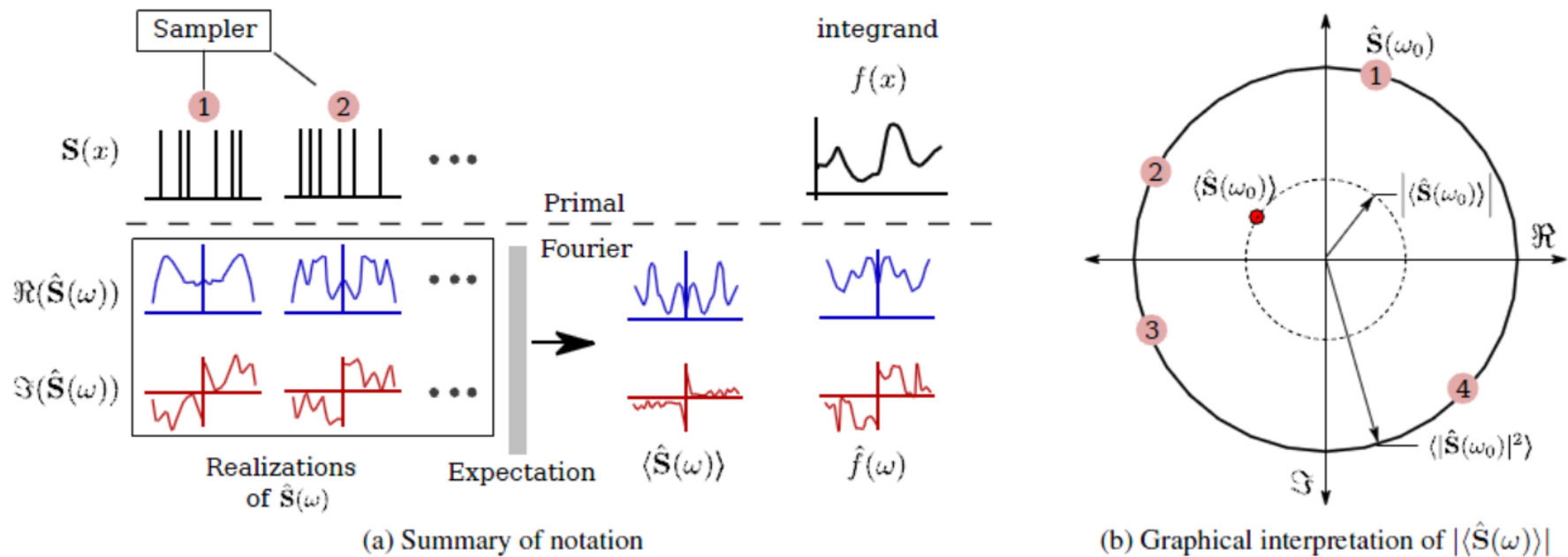
- Statistics of Fourier spectrum over several sampling functions



- 512x512 grid, 256 2D samples, 20 iterations
- 5 sampling strategies (Gaussian jittered sampling, Halton sequences, Poisson-disk sampling, Random sampling)
- Amplitude of expected sampling spectrum, variance of sampling spectrum are more informative indicators for predicting stochastic sampling errors.

# Bias and variance of secondary MC estimators

- Statistics of Fourier spectrum over several sampling functions



- Simple representations in each instance of the sampling patterns (more expressive & informative than the conventional Periodogram)

\* Shifted Dirac deltas are expressed as Euler formulas.

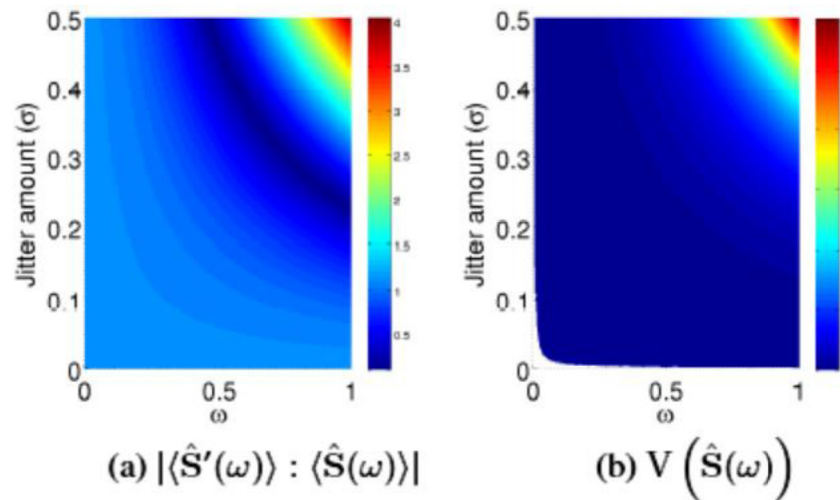
# Case study: Gaussian jittered sampling

- Expectation and variance of FT for Gaussian jittered samples

$$\langle \hat{S}'(\omega) \rangle \approx_2 \left( 1 - \frac{(2\pi\omega\sigma)^2}{2} \right) \frac{\hat{111}_N(\omega)}{N}$$

$$V(\hat{S}'(\omega)) \approx_2 \frac{(2\pi\omega\sigma)^2}{N} (1 + 2(\pi\omega\sigma)^2)$$

- Effect of the jitter parameter  $\sigma$  in terms of the frequency



- No bias for pure DC signals.
- Jitter increases bias beyond yellow regions. (high freq.)
- $\sigma$  should be small enough to fall in the blue regions.

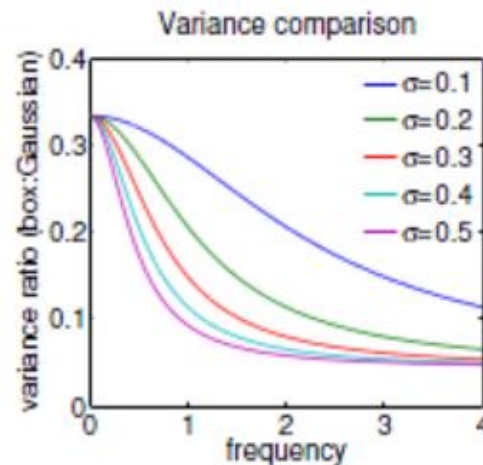
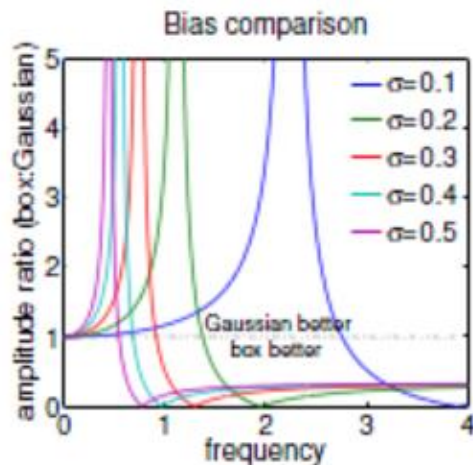
# Case study: Gaussian jittered sampling

- Expectation and variance of FT for Box-jittered samples

$$\langle \hat{S}'(\omega) \rangle \approx_2 \left( 1 - \frac{(2\pi\omega\sigma)^2}{6} \right) \frac{\hat{111}_N(\omega)}{N}$$

$$V(\hat{S}'(\omega)) \approx_2 \frac{(2\pi\omega\sigma)^2}{N} \left( \frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{45}(\pi\omega\sigma)^2 \right)$$

- Comparison of box-jitter and Gaussian jitter



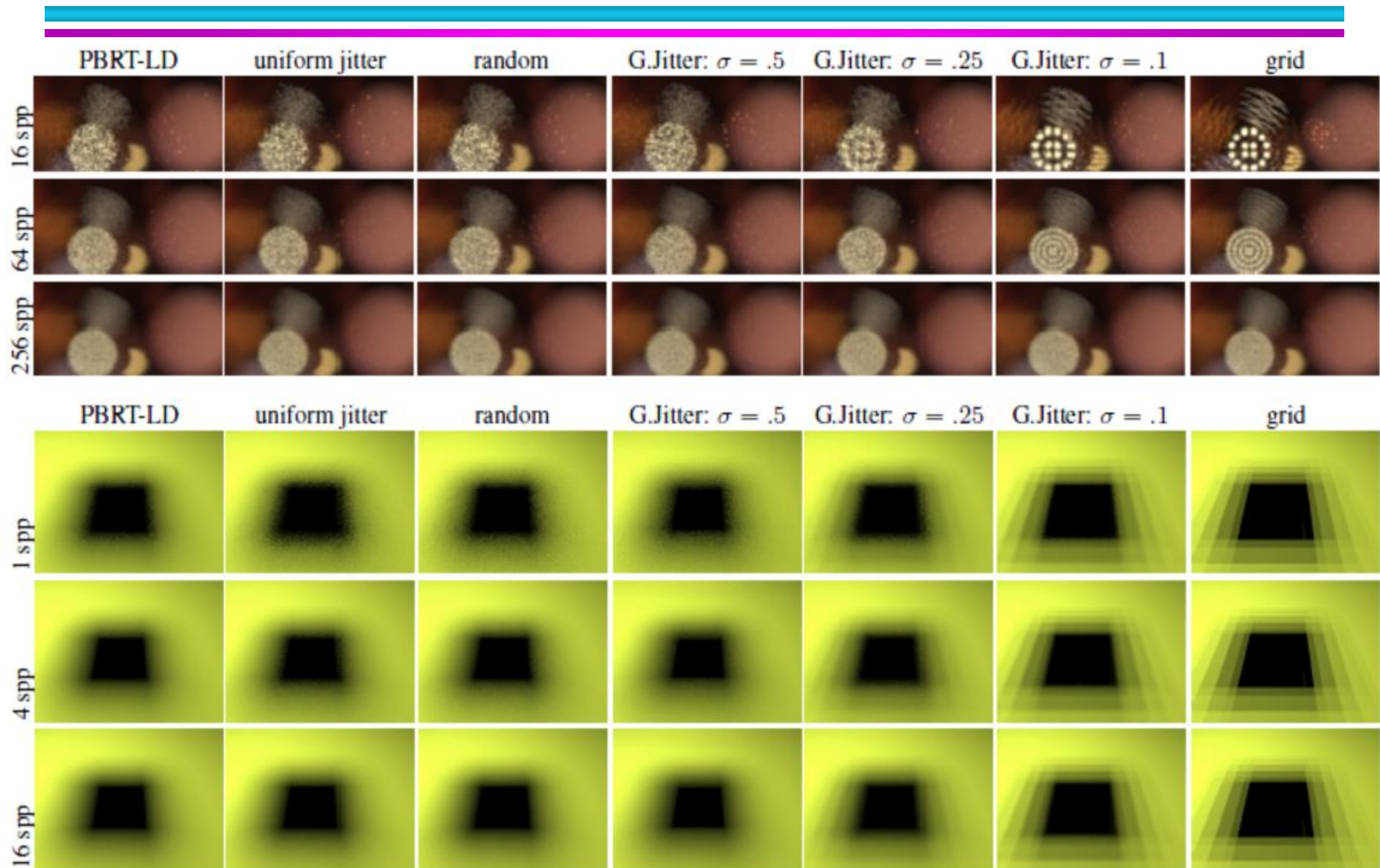
- Simple alternative to Gaussian
- Box jitter is more biased if the integrand contains energy at frequencies where the ratio is greater than 1.
- Variance of box filter is lower.



# Quantitative tests: Gaussian jitter converges rapidly

	I: binary	II: p/w const	III: p/w linear
Random	$O(N^{-1.0020})$	$O(N^{-0.9745})$	$O(N^{-1.0098})$
Poisson disk	$O(N^{-1.0605})$	$O(N^{-1.1902})$	$O(N^{-1.3629})$
Jittered	$O(N^{-1.4171})$	$O(N^{-1.1877})$	$O(N^{-1.5003})$
Sobol	$O(N^{-1.0200})$	$O(N^{-1.0374})$	$O(N^{-1.0879})$
Halton	$O(N^{-1.4233})$	$O(N^{-1.2927})$	$O(N^{-1.5890})$
LHCube	$O(N^{-1.0112})$	$O(N^{-1.1255})$	$O(N^{-1.0903})$
Hammersley	$O(N^{-1.3813})$	$O(N^{-1.2324})$	$O(N^{-1.7772})$
<b>BJittered:0.1</b>	<b><math>O(N^{-1.8969})</math></b>	<b><math>O(N^{-1.6161})</math></b>	<b><math>O(N^{-1.7370})</math></b>
<b>GJittered:0.1</b>	<b><math>O(N^{-2.2478})</math></b>	<b><math>O(N^{-2.1373})</math></b>	<b><math>O(N^{-2.6781})</math></b>
<b>GJittered:0.25</b>	<b><math>O(N^{-2.1368})</math></b>	<b><math>O(N^{-1.9015})</math></b>	<b><math>O(N^{-2.5759})</math></b>
GJittered:0.5	$O(N^{-1.9464})$	$O(N^{-1.7070})$	$O(N^{-2.3969})$
GJittered:1	$O(N^{-1.7542})$	$O(N^{-1.5311})$	$O(N^{-2.0955})$

# Qualitative tests: Blur, Soft shadow

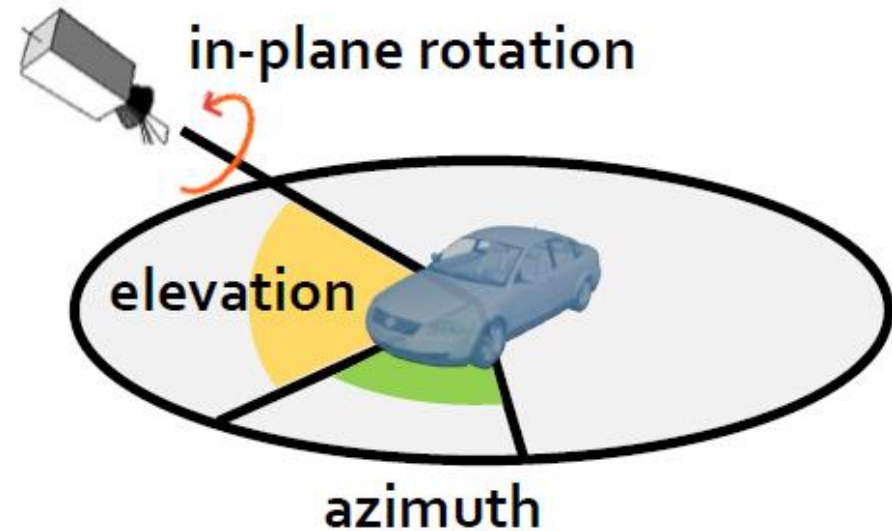
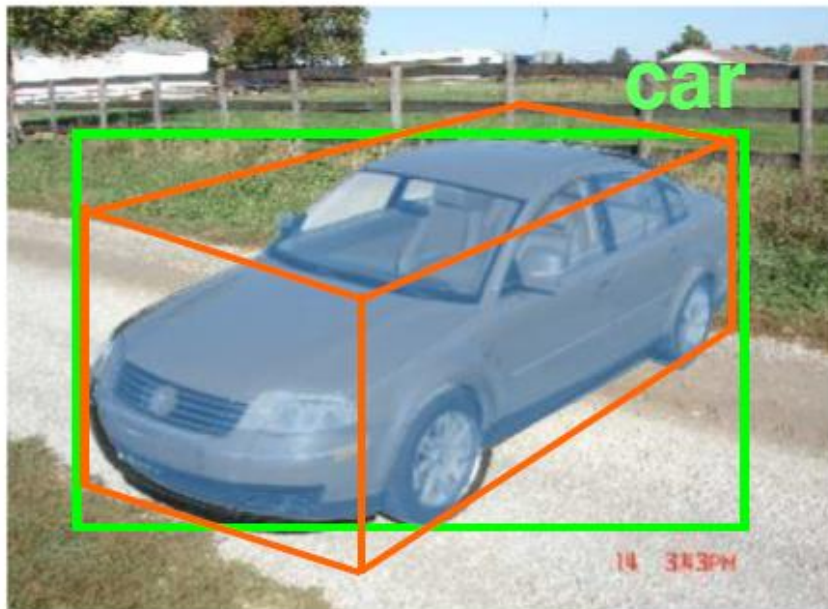




# Render for CNN: Viewpoint Estimation in Images Using CNNs Trained with Rendered 3D Model Views

Wants to know this viewpoint from a photo → 3D Viewpoint Estimation

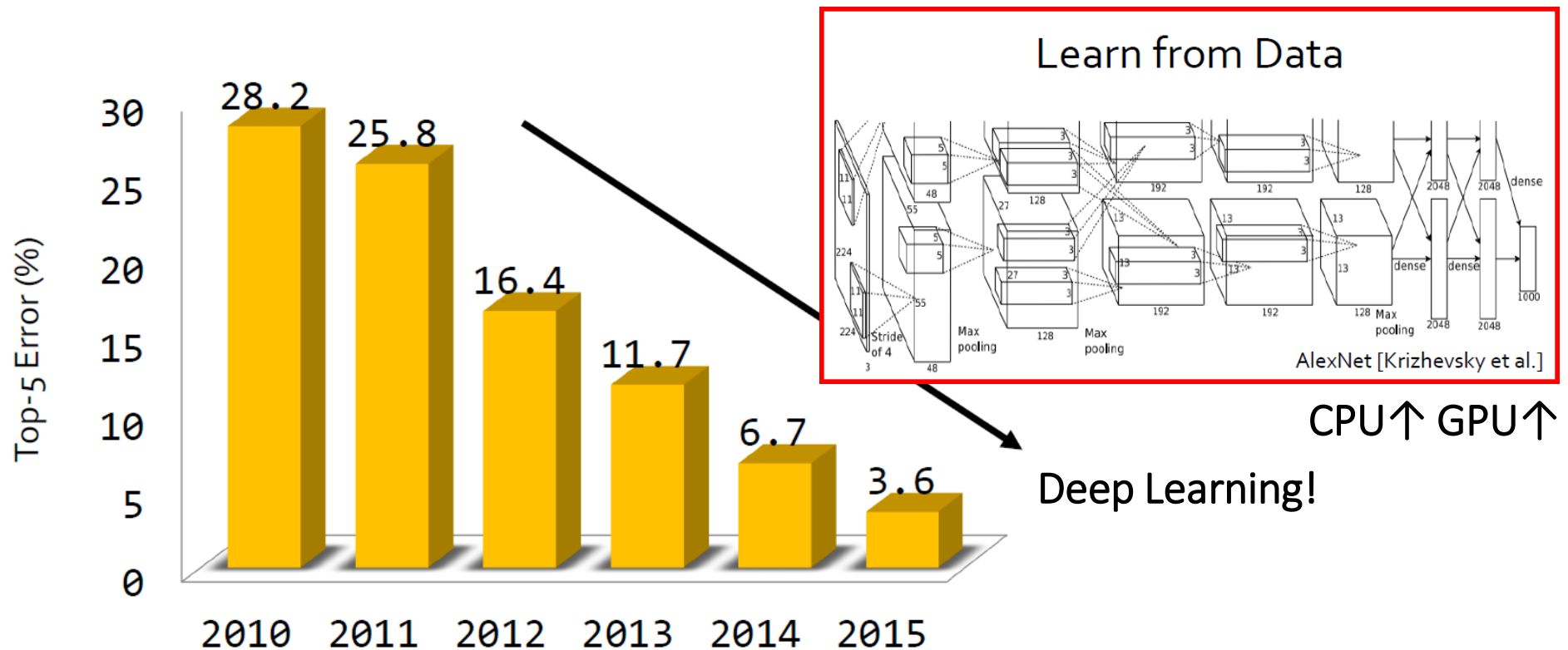
(One of classical CV problems)



- **If 2D renders = 2D photos, our high-level descriptions naturally leads to high-level understandings for machines.**
- **For example, let's take a look at estimating camera viewpoints.**

# Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

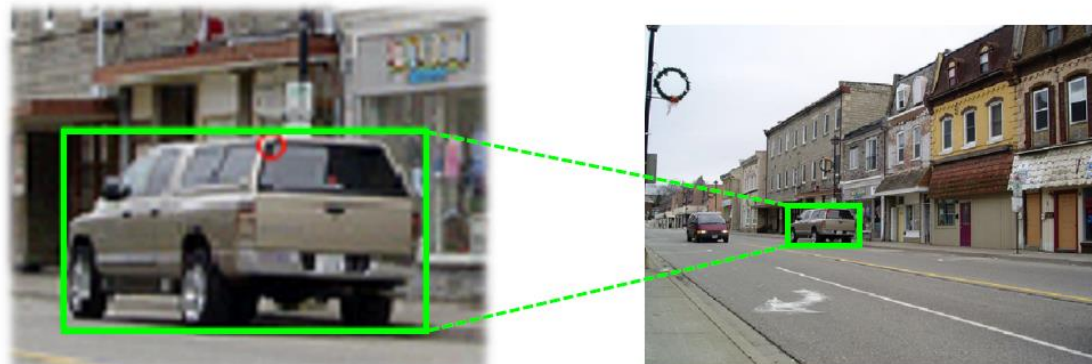
- ImageNet: Millions of images + Human annotations (2009)
- ILSVRC Image Classification Top-5 Error (%)



# Introduction

- Go beyond 2D image classification

What's the **camera viewpoint angles** to the SUV in the image?

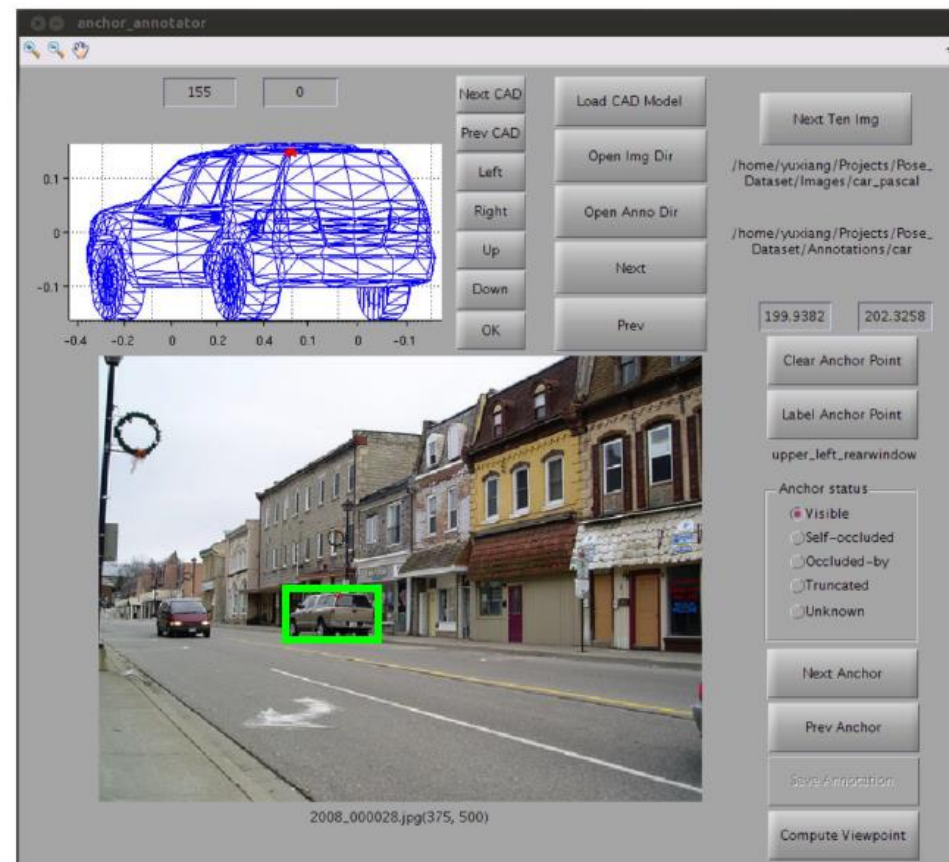




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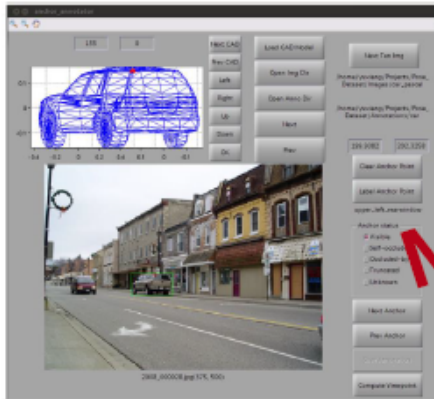
- Our challenge here is that human annotation is expensive.

PASCAL<sub>3</sub>D+ dataset [Xiang et al.]



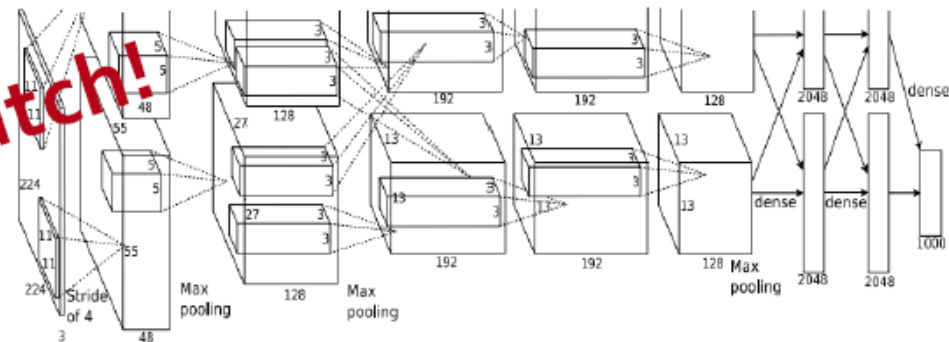
# Introduction

## High-cost Label Acquisition



30K images with viewpoint labels in PASCAL3D+ dataset [Xiang et al.]

## High-capacity Model



60M parameters. AlexNet [Krizhevsky et al.]

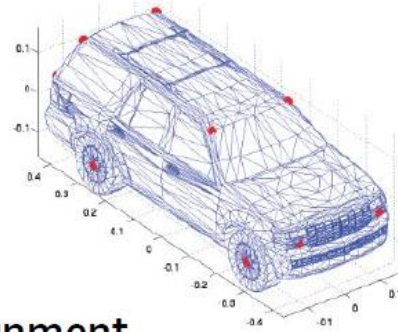
**How to get MORE images with ACCURATE viewpoint labels?**

# Key idea: Render for CNN

- CG renderings are generated by known model descriptions  
\*All data is already annotated when created.



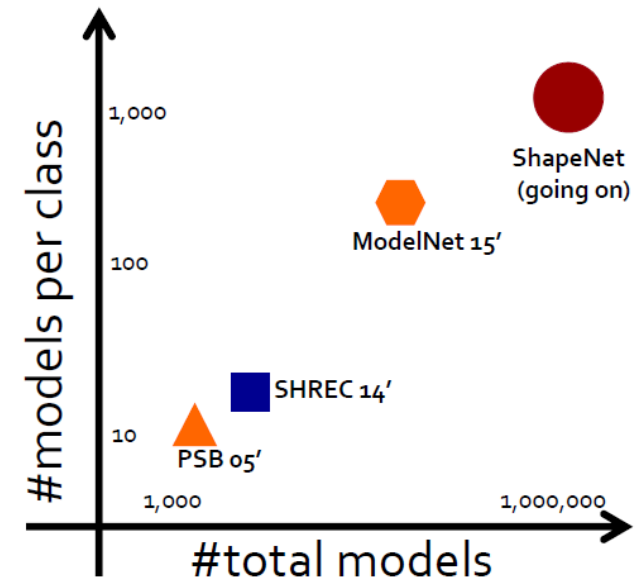
Manual alignment  
by annotators



Auto alignment  
through rendering

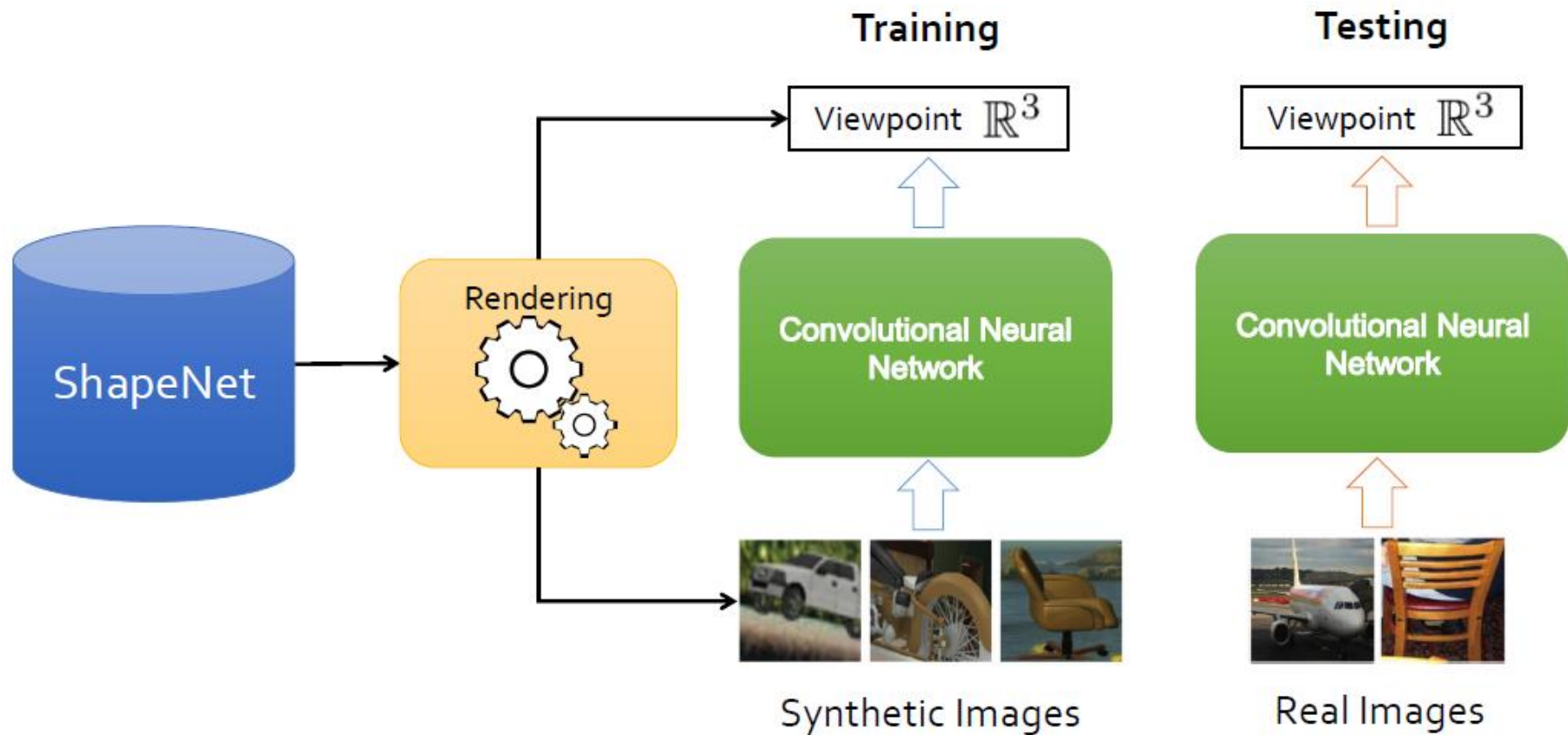


Renderings  
from 3D models



# Rendering pipeline

- Rendering pipeline for the training stage

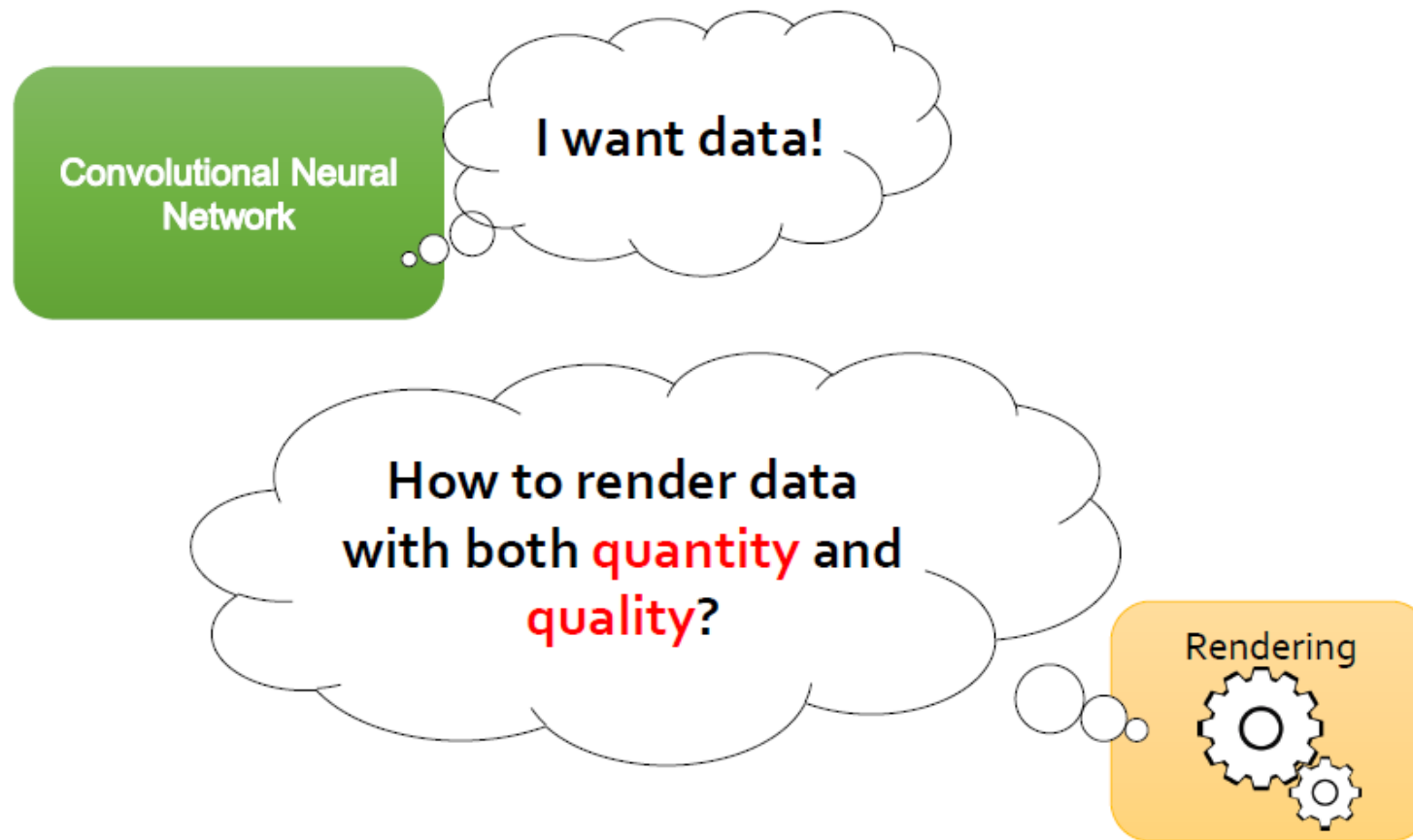


# Rendering pipeline

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- Self-generated data collections for machine learning

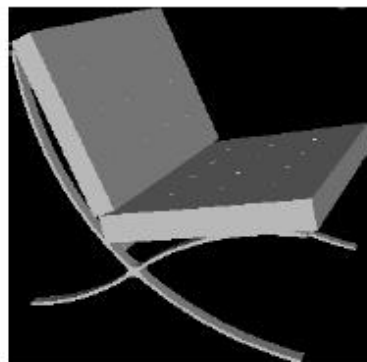
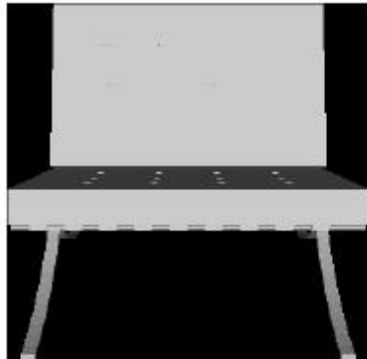




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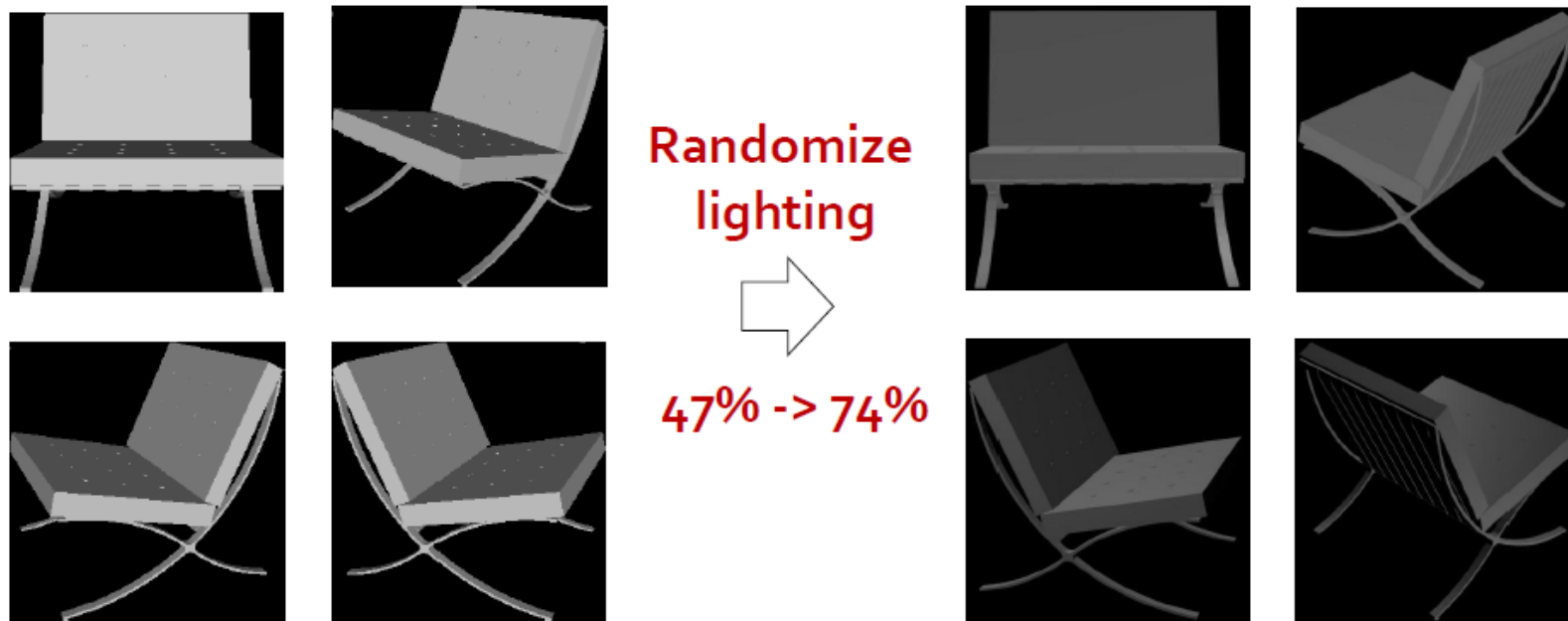
- Exp. 1. 80K rendered chair images with fixed lighting sources

95% on synthetic val set  
47% on real test set ☹️



# Rendering pipeline

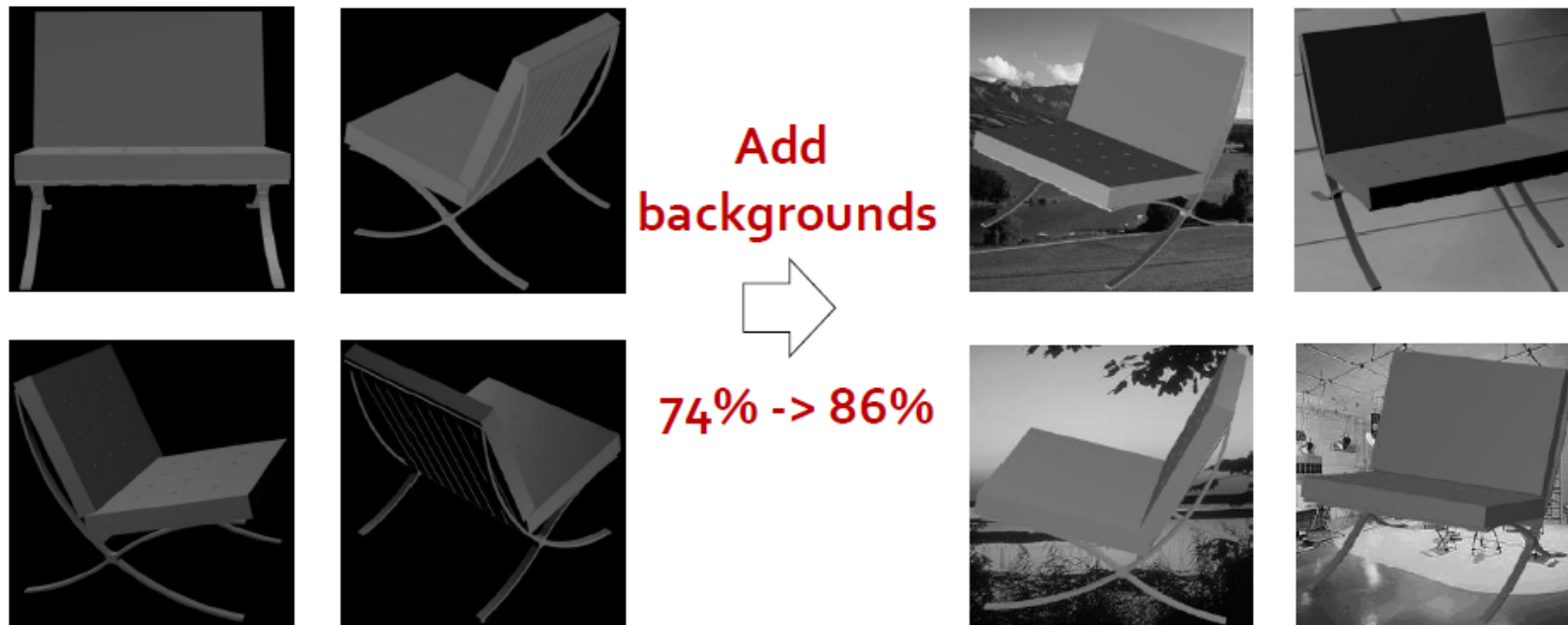
- Exp. 2. Randomize lighting



**ConvNet:** hmm.. viewpoint is not the brightness pattern. Maybe it's the contour?

# Rendering pipeline

- Exp. 3. Composite them with random backgrounds



**ConvNet:** It becomes really hard! Let me look more into the picture.

# Rendering pipeline

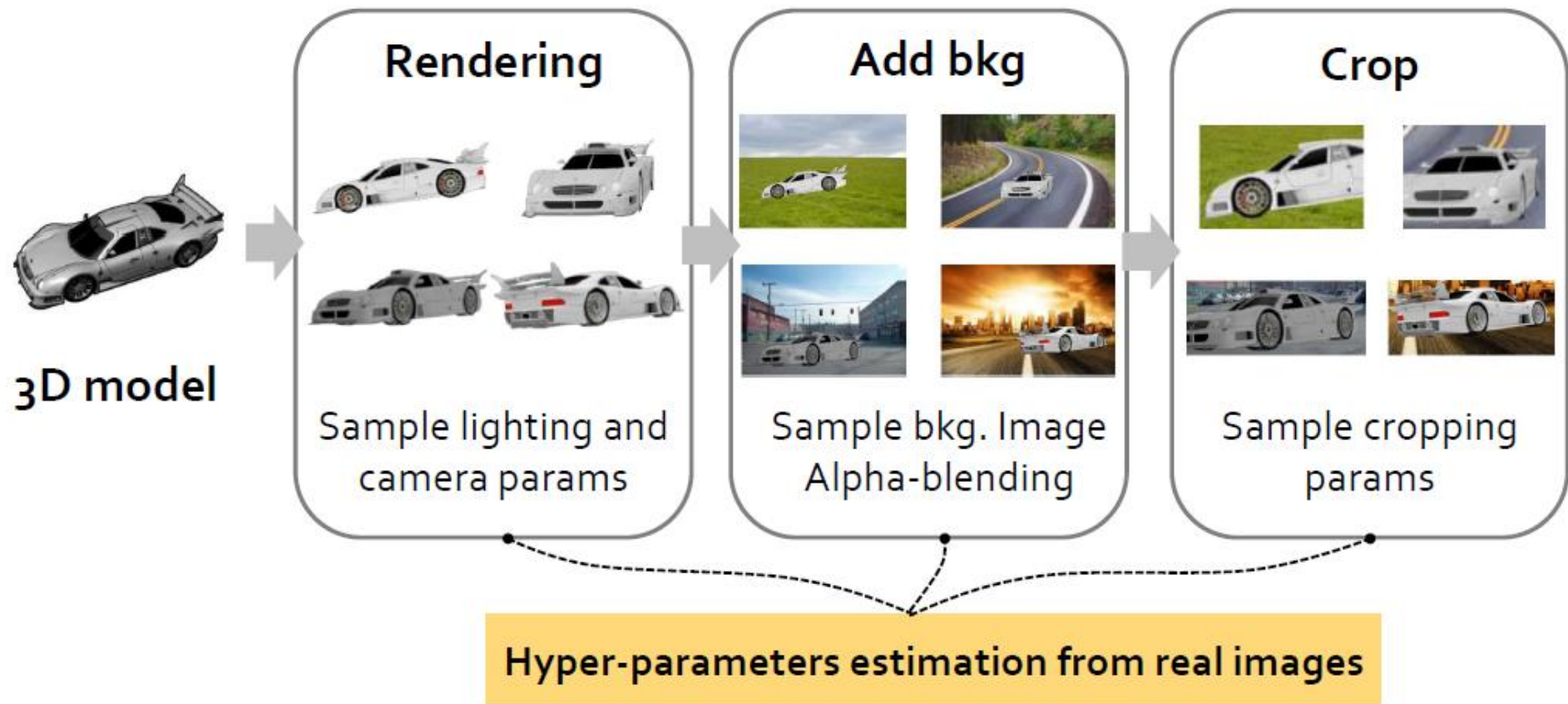
- Exp. 4. Apply bounding boxes with proper texture



**Key Lesson:** Don't give CNN a chance to "cheat" - it's very good at it. When there is no way to cheat, true learning starts.

# Rendering pipeline

- 4M synthesized images for 12 categories



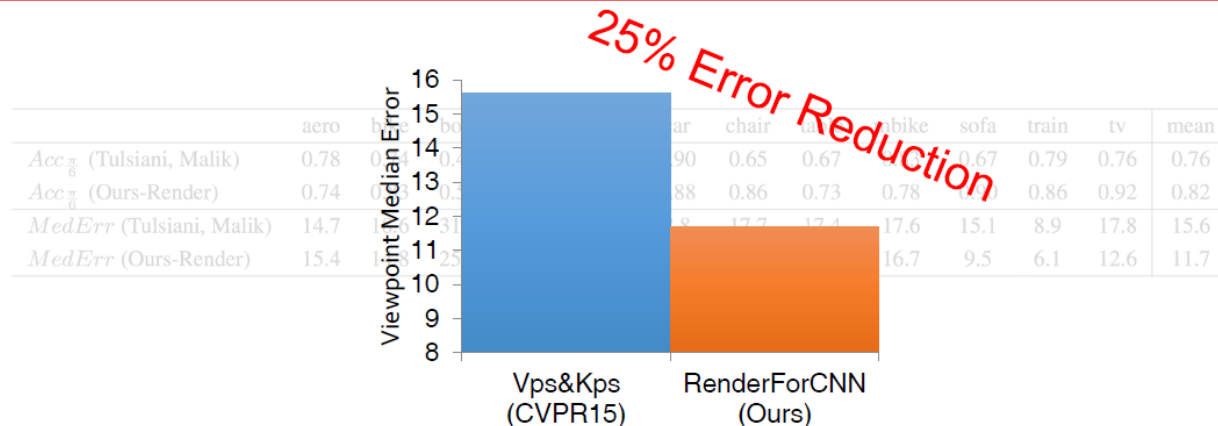


# Experimental results

- Real test images from PASCAL3D+ dataset
- Metric: median angle error (lower the better)

	aero	bike	boat	bottle	bus	car	chair	table	mbike	sofa	train	tv	mean
$Acc_{\frac{\pi}{6}}$ (Tulsiani, Malik)	0.78	0.74	0.49	0.93	0.94	0.90	0.65	0.67	0.83	0.67	0.79	0.76	0.76
$Acc_{\frac{\pi}{6}}$ (Ours-Render)	0.74	0.83	0.52	0.91	0.91	0.88	0.86	0.73	0.78	0.90	0.86	0.92	0.82
$MedErr$ (Tulsiani, Malik)	14.7	18.6	31.2	13.5	6.3	8.8	17.7	17.4	17.6	15.1	8.9	17.8	15.6
$MedErr$ (Ours-Render)	15.4	14.8	25.6	9.3	3.6	6.0	9.7	10.8	16.7	9.5	6.1	12.6	11.7

Our model **trained on rendered images** outperforms state-of-the-art model **trained on real images** in PASCAL3D+.



# Experimental results

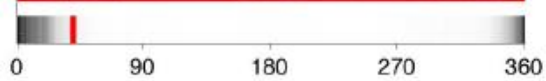
- Azimuth Viewpoint Estimation



# Experimental results

- **Failure cases**

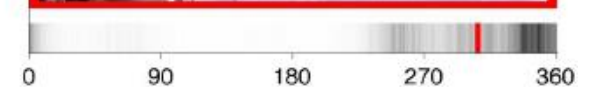
sofa occluded by people



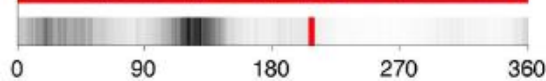
ambiguous car viewpoint



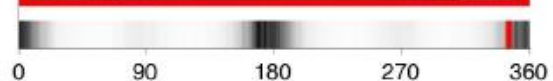
multiple cars



car occluded by motorbike



ambiguous chair viewpoint



multiple chairs



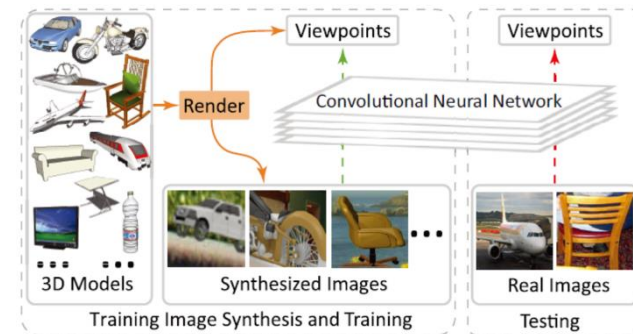


# Conclusion

- **Images rendered from 3D models can be effectively used to train CNNs, especially for 3D tasks. State-of-the-art results has been achieved.**

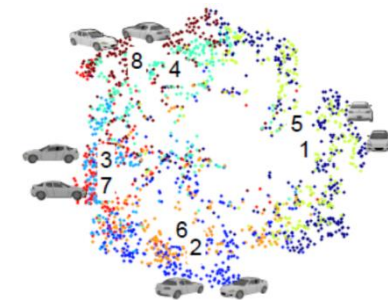
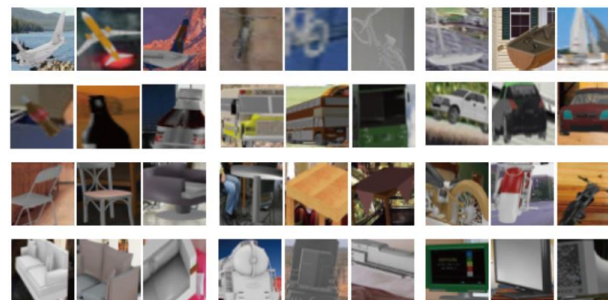
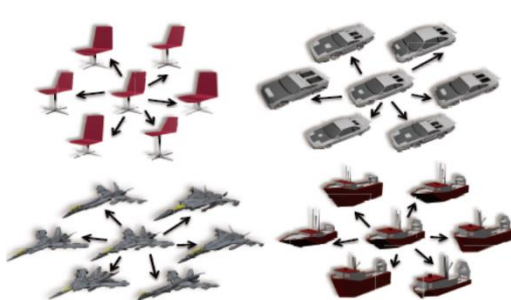


\* Self-imaging from descriptions



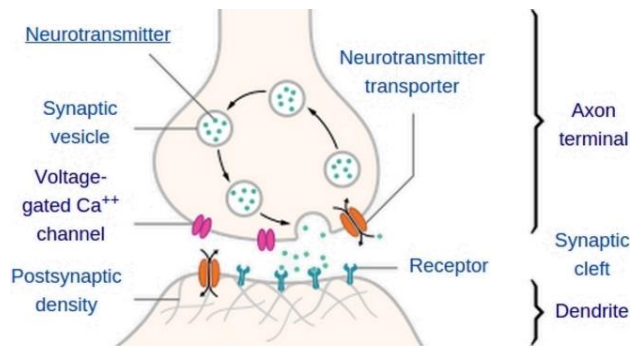
- **Key to success**

- **Quantity: Large scale 3D model collection (ShapeNet) + Augmentation**
- **Quality: Overfit-resistant, scalable image synthesis pipeline**

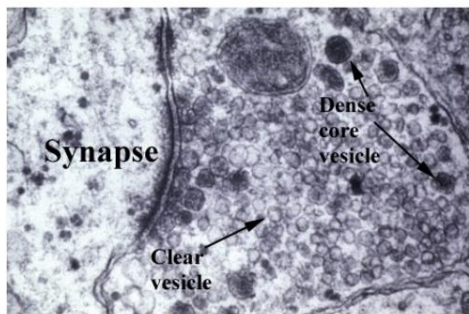
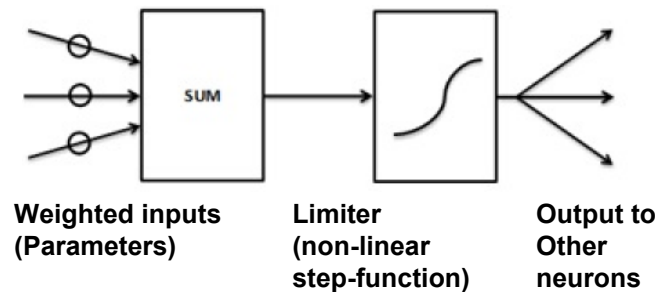


# Appendix 2. Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

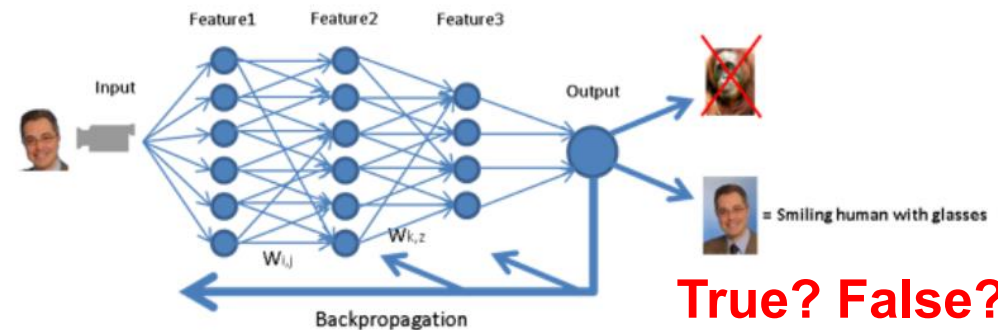
- Multiple layers of small neuron collections



\* Parametric model for simulating a neural network:



\* Application: Image classification → any semantic inferences



True? False?

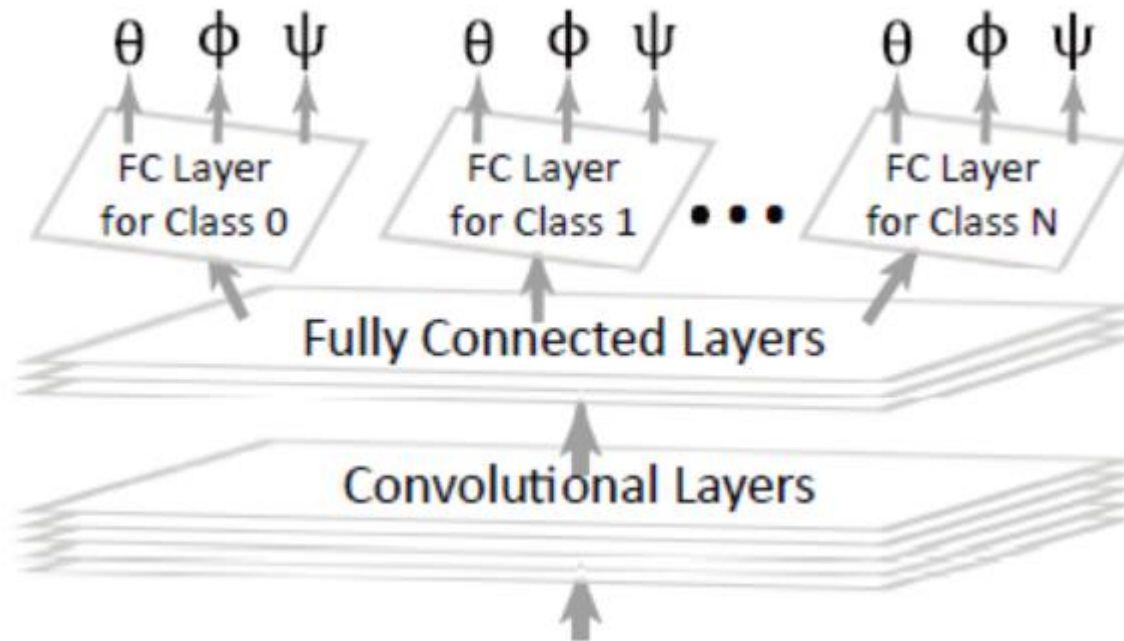
Require a huge number of labelled data for training!

\* Observations:

1. Activation energy with for a threshold barrier
2. Sensitive certain electric stimulus
3. Activation pattern changes from repeated inputs

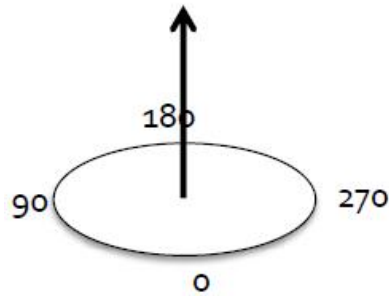
# Network details

- **Loss function:** 
$$L_{vp}(\{s\}) = - \sum_{\{s\}} \sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} e^{-d(v, v_s)/\sigma} \log P_v(s; c_s)$$
- **Network structure (Based on AlexNet):**



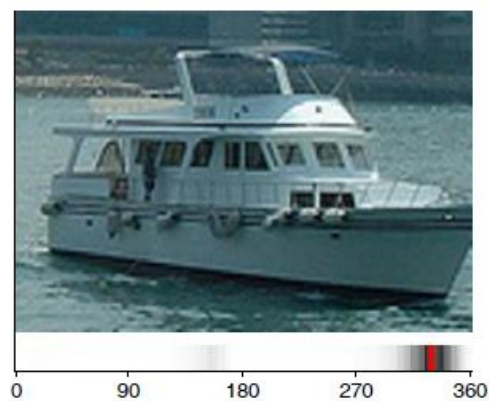
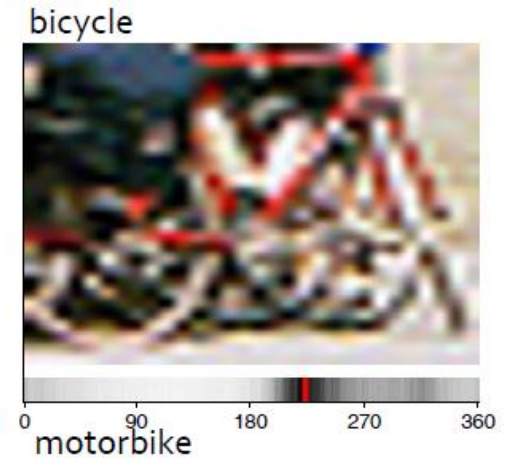
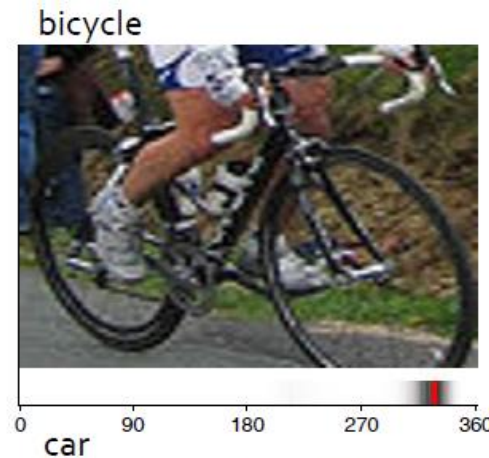
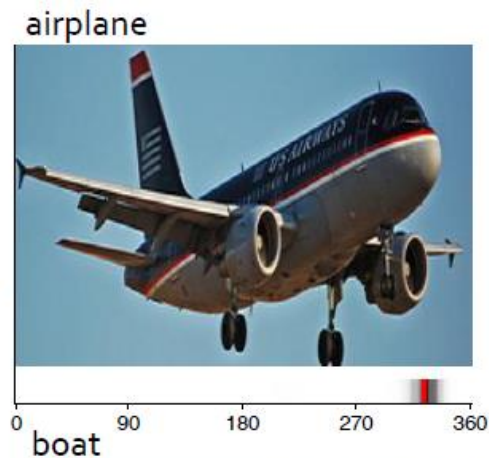
# More experimental results (Supp.)

- Azimuth Viewpoint Estimation



Ground truth view

Estimated view confidence

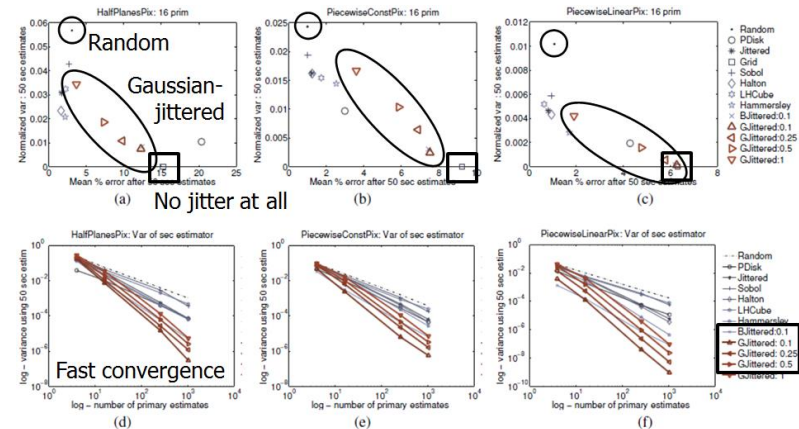




# Quiz

- Which sampling method will have the lowest variance of the Monte Carlo integration?

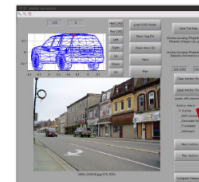
1. Random Sampling
2. Gaussian-jittered Sampling  $\sigma = 1.0$
3. Gaussian-jittered Sampling  $\sigma = 0.1$
4. Halton sequence



- Which representation can have the largest number of free parameters to learn from data?

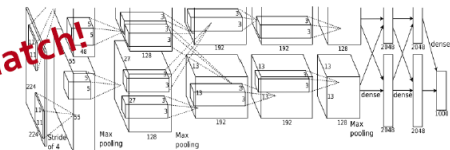
1. Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)
2. Support Vector Machine (SVM)
3. Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)
4. Adaptive Boosting (AdaBoost)

High-cost Label Acquisition



30K images with viewpoint labels in PASCAL<sub>3</sub>D+ dataset [Xiang et al.]

High-capacity Model



60M parameters. AlexNet [Krizhevsky et al.]

Mismatch!

How to get MORE images with ACCURATE viewpoint labels?